

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (ORIGINAL) A network community supporting system comprising:
a message database storing contents of messages given by participants of a network community together with titles thereof;
a theme database storing themes of the network community;
a theme classifying part analyzing characteristics of the messages concerning themes thereof, based on the contents stored in said message database and theme database;
a theme updating part updating said theme database based on the analysis results of said theme classifying part.

2. (ORIGINAL) The network community supporting system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
a message analysis database for analyzing the messages generated based on said message database; and
a message grouping part appropriately grouping the messages stored in said message database, based on relationship among the messages stored in said message analysis database or message database.

3. (ORIGINAL) The network community supporting system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
a part performing modification, generation and/or division of the titles of the messages stored in said message analysis database.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The network community supporting system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
a theme database comprising a theme part storing the themes and a keyword part storing keywords concerning the themes, wherein said theme classifying part classifies the modified, generated and/or divided titles of the messages, by using the keywords of said

keyword part of said theme database.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The network community supporting system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a theme renewing part updating the themes based on a message analysis interim output, output based on the titles of the messages stored in said message analysis database and a theme part storing the themes or a keyword part storing keywords concerning the themes of a theme database.

6. (ORIGINAL) The network community supporting system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a community analysis rule database used for contriving guideline for management of the community from the contents of said message analysis database analyzing the contents of the messages; and

a community analyzing part referring to said community analysis rule database, and analyzing the community.

7. (ORIGINAL) The network community supporting system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a theme analysis rule database used for analyzing the themes from said message analysis database; and

a theme analyzing part referring to said theme rule database, and analyzing the theme.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The network community supporting system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

a member database storing personal information of the participants of the network community, wherein the member information of said member database is used for drawing the messages of the participants.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A network community supporting method, comprising the steps of:

a) preparing a message database storing contents of a series of messages given by participants of a network community together with titles thereof;

b) preparing a theme database storing themes of the network community;

e)analyzing characteristics of the messages concerning themes thereof, based on the contents stored in said message database and theme database; and

d)updating said theme database based on the analysis results of said theme classifying part.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The network community supporting method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising~~the steps of~~:

e)preparing a message analysis database for analyzing the messages generated based on said message database; and

f)appropriately grouping the messages stored in said message database, based on relationship among the messages stored in said message analysis database or message database.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The network community supporting method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising~~the steps of~~:

e)performing modification, generation and/or division of the titles of the messages stored in said message analysis database.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The network community supporting method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

~~the step of e)~~preparing a theme database comprising a theme part storing the themes and a keyword part storing keywords concerning the themes, wherein said ~~step e)~~analyzing classifies the modified, generated and/or divided titles of the messages, by using the keywords of said keyword part of said theme database.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The network community supporting method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:~~the step of e)~~

updating the themes based on a message analysis interim output, output based on the titles of the messages stored in said message analysis database and a theme part storing the themes or a keyword part storing keywords concerning the themes of a theme database.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The network community supporting method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising~~the steps of~~:

e)preparing a community analysis rule database used for contriving guideline for

management of the community from the contents of said message analysis database
analyzing the contents of the messages; and

~~f)~~referring to said community analysis rule database, and analyzing the community.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The network community supporting method as
claimed in claim 9, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

e)preparing a theme analysis rule database used for analyzing the themes from said
message analysis database; and

~~f)~~referring to said theme rule database, and analyzing the theme.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The network community supporting method as
claimed in claim 9, further comprising: ~~the step of e)~~

preparing a member database storing personal information of the participants of the
network community, wherein the member information of said member database is used for
drawing the messages of the participants.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program recording medium storing a software
program readable by a computer for supporting-controlling the computer to support a network
community having a message database storing the contents of a series of messages of
participants of the network community and a theme database storing themes of the network
community; ~~said program causing a computer to function as by:~~

~~a theme-classifying part~~analyzing characteristics of the messages concerning themes
thereof, based on the contents stored in said message database and theme database; and

~~a theme-updating part~~updating said theme database based on the analysis results of
said theme classifying part.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A network community supporting method, comprising
~~the steps of:~~

a)classifying themes of respective messages based on the contents of the messages of
participants of a network community and themes of the network community; and

b)updating the themes based on a result of said ~~step a)~~classifying.